

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend claims 1-3, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 17, 20 and cancel claims 4-6, 9, 12, 15 and 18 as shown in the following listing of claims, which replaces all previous listings and versions of claims.

1. (currently amended) A portable information apparatus comprising: a film liquid crystal device having a pair of flexible substrates spaced apart from one another to define therebetween a gap containing liquid crystal, a plurality of first surface portions having a generally curved cross-section, a plurality of engagement portions extending from respective ones of the first surface portions, at least one second surface portion having a generally planar cross-section, an injection port formed in the at least one second surface portion and through which the liquid crystal is injected into the gap, and a sealing portion disposed on the at least one second surface portion for sealing the injection port; and a holding structure having a first holding member and a second holding member for holding the film liquid crystal device in a curved state while the at least one second surface portion of the film liquid crystal device remains generally planar in cross-section and while the first holding member engages the engagement portions of the liquid crystal device.

2. (currently amended) A portable information apparatus comprising: a film liquid crystal device having a pair of flexible substrates spaced apart from one another to define therebetween a gap containing liquid crystal, a plurality of first surface portions having a generally curved cross-section, a plurality of engagement portions extending from respective ones of the first surface portions, at least one second surface portion having a generally planar cross-section, an injection port formed in the at least one second surface portion and through which the liquid crystal is injected into the gap, and a connection terminal disposed on the at least one second surface portion for electrically connecting the film liquid crystal device to a circuit block; and a holding structure having a first holding member and a second holding member for holding the film liquid crystal device in a curved state while the at least one second surface portion of the film liquid crystal device remains generally planar in cross-section and while the first holding member engages the engagement portions of the liquid crystal device.

3. (currently amended) A portable information apparatus according to claim 1; wherein the at least one second surface portion comprises at least two second surface portions having a generally planar cross-section in the curved state of the film liquid crystal device, the sealing portion being disposed on one of the at least two second surface

portions; and further comprising a connection terminal disposed on ~~the other~~ another of the at least two second surface portions for electrically connecting the film liquid crystal device to a circuit block.

4. - 6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended) A portable information apparatus according to ~~claim 4; wherein~~ claim 1; wherein the first holding member has a stepped portion for receiving the film liquid crystal device.

8. (currently amended) A portable information apparatus according to ~~claim 5; wherein~~ claim 2; wherein the first holding member has a stepped portion for receiving the film liquid crystal device.

9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) A portable information apparatus according to ~~claim 4; wherein~~ claim 1; wherein the film liquid crystal device has at least two projection portions extending from respective first surface portions thereof; and wherein the first holding member has at least two trench portions for engagement with respective ones of the at least two projection portions of the film liquid crystal device so that a peripheral portion of the film liquid crystal device is disposed in an attachment portion of the first

holding member to hold the film liquid crystal device in the curved state.

11. (currently amended) A portable information apparatus according to ~~claim 5; wherein~~ claim 2; wherein the film liquid crystal device has at least two projection portions extending from respective first surface portions thereof; and wherein the first holding member has at least two trench portions for engagement with respective ones of the at least two projection portions of the film liquid crystal device so that a peripheral portion of the film liquid crystal device is disposed in an attachment portion of the first holding member to hold the film liquid crystal device in the curved state.

12. (canceled)

13. (currently amended) A portable information apparatus according to claim 7; wherein the film liquid crystal device has at least two projection portions extending from respective first surface portions thereof; and wherein the first holding member has at least two trench portions for engagement with respective ones of the at least two projection portions of the film liquid crystal device so that a peripheral portion of the film liquid crystal device is disposed in an attachment portion of the first holding member to hold the film liquid crystal device in the curved state.

14. (currently amended) A portable information apparatus according to claim 8; wherein the film liquid crystal device has at least two projection portions extending from respective first surface portions thereof; and wherein the first holding member has at least two trench portions for engagement with respective ones of the at least two projection portions of the film liquid crystal device so that a peripheral portion of the film liquid crystal device is disposed in an attachment portion of the first holding member to hold the film liquid crystal device in the curved state.

15. - 16.(canceled)

17. (currently amended) A portable information apparatus comprising:

a film liquid crystal device having a pair of flexible substrates spaced apart from one another to define therebetween a gap containing liquid crystal, ~~at least one~~ a first surface portion having a ~~generally~~ planar cross-section, an injection port formed in the first ~~planar~~ surface portion and through which the liquid crystal is injected into the gap, and a sealing portion disposed on the first ~~planar~~ surface portion for sealing the injection port, a second surface portion having a planar cross-section, and a connection terminal disposed on the second surface portion for

electrically connecting the film liquid crystal device to a circuit block; and

a holding structure for holding the film liquid crystal device in a curved state while the ~~planar~~ first and second surface portion portions of the film liquid crystal device ~~is~~ are generally parallel with a curvature axis of the film liquid crystal device.

18. (canceled)

19. (previously presented) A portable information apparatus according to claim 17; wherein the holding structure comprises a first holding member and a second holding member; and wherein the first holding member has a stepped portion for receiving the film liquid crystal device.

20. (currently amended) A portable information apparatus according to claim 19; wherein the film liquid crystal device has at least one projection extending from a surface portion thereof which does not correspond to the first and second planar surface portion portions; and wherein the first holding member has a trench portion for receiving the projection of the film liquid crystal device to prevent relative rotation between the first holding member and the film liquid crystal device.